

REMARKS

This is to acknowledge the allowance of Claims 4 and 8 as noted in the above-identified application. In this regard no comment was made in the text of the Office Action as to the status of Claim 6. However, since that claim is similar to Claims 4 and 8, it is believed that Claim 6 is also allowable.

In addition, Claims 2 and 9-12 were merely objected to for depending from a rejected claim.

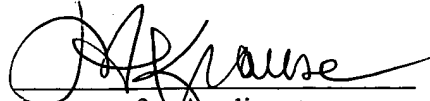
By means of the foregoing amendment, however, rejected Claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of now cancelled Claim 2. Accordingly, Claim 1 is now allowable, together with Claims 3, 9 and 10, which depend therefrom.

Independent Claims 5, 7, 13, and 15, which were rejected, have also been amended to include limitations similar to those of Claim 2, wherefore it is believed that each of those claims and their related dependent Claim 11, 12, 14, and 16, are allowable for the same reasons stated above with respect to Claim 1.

For these various reasons it is believed that this application is in condition for issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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